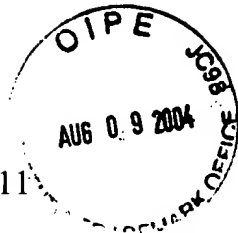


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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Official Action of April 7, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on July 7, 2004. Submitted with the present response is a Request for Extension of Time of one month, thereby extending the time for responding to the Office Action to August 9, 2004 (August 7 being a Saturday), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.